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May 17, 1993

Mr. Mike Bergfeld
Vernal Ranger District
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Dear Mr. Bergfeld:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Reed G. Bills, Only Chance Project, S/047/057, Uintah County, Utah

Thank you for forwarding the Plan of Operations for Reed G. Bills, Only Chance Project, which was received by this Division April 22, 1993. The proposed project is located on USFS managed lands located in the NW/4 of the NE/4 of Section 16, T1S, R21E, SLBM, Uintah County, Utah. The Utah Mining Claim number for this project is UMC 121389.

This letter is to inform you that the Division has evaluated the information (Plan) for completeness using our Small Mining Rules. From information contained in the Plan and our telephone conversation, this project would be classified as a small mining project under our Rules. A small mine is defined as disturbing 5 acres, or less, of surface area. These 5 acres would include the mine area, access roads and surface facilities.

The information satisfies the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the 1988 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Minerals Rules, and Title 40-8, et seq., of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975.

It appears that this site will overlap areas of pre-existing mining disturbances. If this is the case, the operator may need to request a variance from the Division rules. I would like to perform a site inspection within the near future to evaluate the existing site conditions. I would like to coordinate an inspection with you, if possible. Please contact me if you have an inspection planned.

It is understood that your office, acting as "Lead Agency" will notify the operator accordingly. Please provide us with a final copy of your completeness letter to the operator.



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Thank you for your cooperation. If you receive further information or amendments for this operation, please notify us so we will be able to update our files. Please reference our designated file number S/047/057 when forwarding additional information on this project to us.

Sincerely,



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Reclamation Engineer

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cc: Reed G. Bills, Operator
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